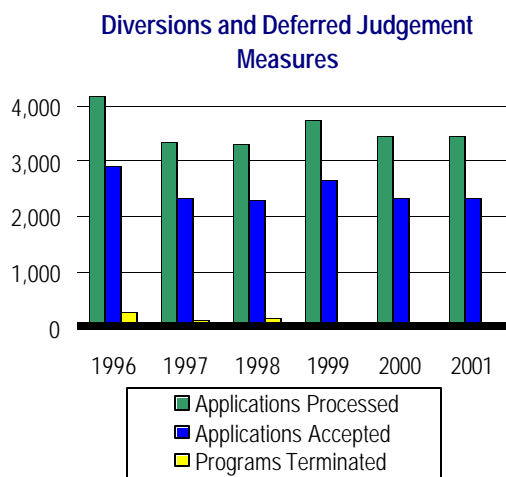


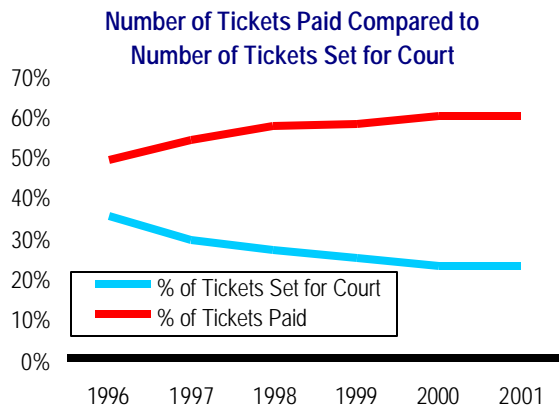
# Public Safety

Public Safety combines the services of the Law Department, which includes the prosecuting attorney's office; Municipal Court which includes the public defender's office, probation services, and court clerk services; fire services, including fire suppression and fire prevention through education; and police services which includes community policing, traffic enforcement, investigation, laboratory services, and the special operations of the air service and the warrants.

**Law.** The Law Department administers the City's diversion and deferred judgement programs while Municipal Court - Probation monitors the progress of the participants. The programs are designed to reduce recidivism. Each applicant is given every opportunity to complete the program as measured by the number of programs terminated illustrated in the graph below.



**Municipal Court.** The court system adjudicates alleged violations of municipal code, providing fair and impartial hearings. A majority of the cases set for court are traffic violations from tickets issued. Since 1996, the percent of tickets set for court has steadily decreased while the percent of tickets paid with "no contest" has steadily increased.



An indicator of the adjudication efficiency is the average number of times a case is scheduled on the docket before being disposed.

The projected number of continued cases is projected to decrease significantly in 2000, which reduces the average number of times a case is on the docket by slightly more than one, thereby, reducing the case load.

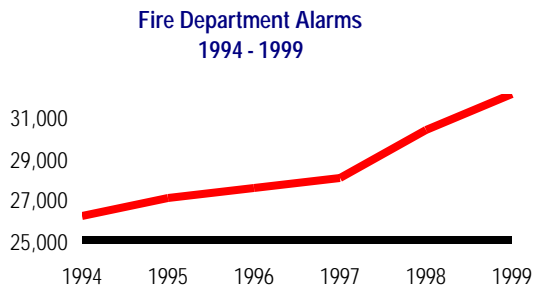
Case Load Service Level Measures					
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Cases filed					
	39,621	40,933	35,776	35,360	36,000
Cases schedule on the docket					
	183,755	194,907	178,515	139,075	141,000
Cases continued					
	101,212	112,899	105,628	82,950	83,000
Average number of times case is on the docket					
	4.64	4.76	4.99	3.93	3.92

**Fire.** The Fire Department strives to minimize loss of life and property resulting from fires, medical emergencies and other disasters through prevention activities, education, aggressive fire suppression, and prompt response to medical calls. The Department's goal is an average response time of 4 minutes. The aggressive nature of the Department's offensive fire attack strategy is shown by the large percentage of fires that are confined to the room of origin. Improvement in both indicators is expected as the City begins a seven-year construction project that will provide two additional stations and the relocate eight existing stations to provide services more efficiently.

Fire Department Performance Measures				
	1998	1999	2000	2001
Average response time (min)	4.12	4.14	4.10	4.10
Percent of fires contained to room of origin	91%	90%	90%	90%
Average dollar loss per fire in thousands	\$7.2	\$0.6	\$3.4	\$3.4
Number of blood pressure screenings	14,830	14,947	15,000	15,000

The fire department has experienced a significant increase in alarm volume in the past three years. A sense of the operational efficiency can be gained by observing the increase in alarm

volume presented in the graph below, while recognizing staff and response times have remained virtually unchanged in the last three years.



**Police.** The Police Department attempts to protect both life and property in the City of Wichita. To do this, the Department strives to reduce the number of crimes per capita, and to reduce the response time when called.

Selected Performance Measures				
	1998	1999	2000	2001
Total UCR* Part 1** Crimes per 1,000 population	76	68	68	68
Total UCR Part 1 Crimes (thousands)	25	22	22	22
Average response time of emergency calls	4.8	4.4	4.4	4.4
Total UCR Part 2 Crimes (thousands)	56	54	54	54
Total UCR Property crimes per 1,000 population served	69	62	62	62

\*Uniform Crime Reporting

\*\*Part 1 crimes include homicides

When crimes are committed, the Police Department attempts to locate and arrest suspects and to compile evidence supporting a successful prosecution. The percentage of crimes cleared is shown below. The addition of 6 detectives in 1999 was the last phase of the Public Safety Initiative, which is expected to improve clearance rates.

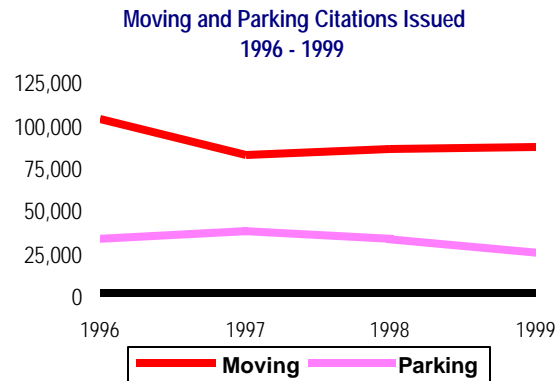
Selected Performance Measures				
	1998	1999	2000	2001
Percent UCR Part 1 Crimes cleared	25%	26%	26%	27%
Percent of UCR Violent crimes cleared	52%	60%	60%	61%
Percent of UCR Property crimes cleared	23%	23%	23%	25%

Through active enforcement of traffic laws, Police try to reduce the property and life loss from dangerous driving behavior. This enforcement includes the arresting of suspected drunk drivers

(enhanced by the DUI Enforcement Unit) and the ticketing of individuals violating traffic ordinances.

Selected Performance Measures				
	1998	1999	2000	2001
DUI arrests per 1,000 population	7.94	7.61	7.60	7.60
Injury accidents per 1000 population	9.95	10.03	9.80	9.60
Traffic citations per 1,000 population	251	260	260	260

Annually, Police issue over 85,000 tickets. In addition, the Police Department is responsible for the enforcement of parking ordinances. Every year, over 23,000 parking tickets are issued.



The Police Department accomplishes its mission by maintaining an experienced, diverse work force, representing all segments of the populations. In the past,

Selected Performance Measures				
	1998	1999	2000	2001
Average years of experienced (commissioned positions)	8.4	8.4	8.5	8.5

the demographic make up of the Police Department has mirrored that of the City as a whole.

Selected Performance Measures				
	1998	1999	2000	2001
Caucasian	81.8%	81.8%	81%	81%
African-American	9.5%	9.6%	10%	10%
Hispanic	5.1%	5.3%	6%	6%
Other	3.6%	3.3%	3%	3%
Female	9%	10%	9%	9%
Male	91%	90%	91%	91%